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Pakistan - Communist China: (Ayub's government will permit Chinese Communist Premier Chou En-lai and Foreign Minister Chen Yi to make a state visit to Pakistan in February following their African tour.)

(The move is a further step in Pakistan's calculated policy of "normalizing" its relations with China. It follows similar gestures earlier this year. This policy is intended to offset increasing cooperation between India and the US, and to counter what Pakistan regards as a growing Indian military threat.)

(Foreign Secretary Aziz Ahmed has attempted to play down the one week state visit as merely a "stop-over." He told US Ambassador McConaughy that his government had been under heavy pressure from Peiping to reciprocate the hospitality accorded Foreign Minister Bhutto during his visit to China last February to sign the border agreement. Pakistani authorities reportedly had been planning for some time to invite Chen Yi, and the Chinese have long pressed for a visit by Chou in order to upgrade relations between the two governments.)

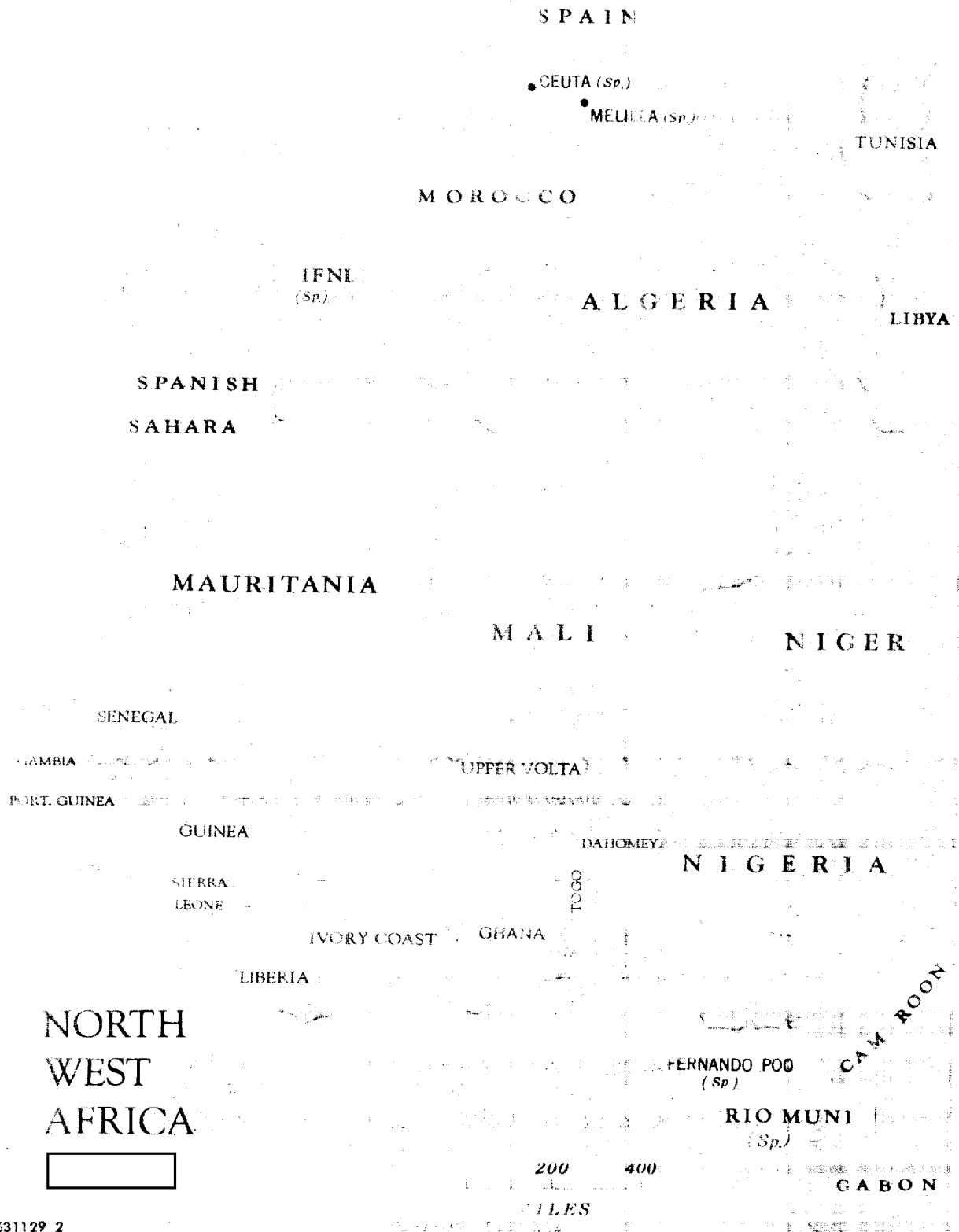
(India will react strongly when the state visit is announced. The visit will provide New Delhi with yet another opportunity to magnify Rawalpindi's rapprochement with Peiping and to impede efforts toward easing Indo-Pakistani tensions.)

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Dahomey: Political tension in Dahomey is again high and a major new crisis may occur before the constitutional referendum scheduled for 15 December.

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Col. Soglo, leader of the four-man provisional government installed last month, announced on 27 November the discovery of a plot to overthrow the government. [redacted] the alleged plot called for assassination of himself and of Ministers of State Apithy and Ahomadegbe by soldiers from northern Dahomey. Soglo suspects ex-president Maga, the fourth member of the government, of complicity in the plot.

Soglo reportedly is uncertain about what action to take against Maga in view of Maga's support from northern tribesmen. During the demonstrations which led to Maga's resignation from the presidency in October, these tribesmen threatened civil war.

Soglo's heightened concern for the security of his new regime may lead to difficulties with the neighboring Ivory Coast, Upper Volta, and Niger, which he reportedly suspects of complicity in the plot. Southern unionists recently circulated tracts warning of a northern counterrevolutionary movement backed by these countries and France. [redacted]

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Western Europe: (The Coal and Steel Community (CSC) seems likely on 2 December to sanction an increase in community steel tariffs to an average of nine percent. Such a move, now opposed only by the Dutch, would bring steel tariffs of all CSC members in line with those of Italy, the highest in the community.)

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Colombia: Several bombings and attempted bombings occurred in Bogota and other major cities during the last week of November. Many of the bombs were aimed at US-owned installations, including one, a dud, planted outside the home of the US Naval Mission chief. The bombings are in protest against Colombia's participation in Operation America--a multinational military exercise in which the US is participating--and reportedly they are directed by Cuban-trained terrorists from Venezuela.

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